



# **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

### **SECOND SET OF INFORMATION REQUESTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY TO BOSTON EDISON COMPANY d/b/a NSTAR ELECTRIC**

D.T.E. 04-113/05-88

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Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.06(6)(c), the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") submits to Boston Edison Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric ("BECo") its Second Set of Information Requests in D.T.E. 04-113/05-88.

#### **Requests**

- DTE 2-1 For all exhibits in D.T.E. 04-113 and D.T.E. 05-88, please provide electronic copies of all spreadsheets and tables in Microsoft Excel format with formulas contained in the cells.
- DTE 2-2 Is BECo proposing to recover any expenses through standard offer service or basic/default service other than payments made to wholesale suppliers or costs allowed pursuant to Default Service Costs, D.T.E. 03-88 A-F (2005)? If yes, please identify those costs and explain the basis for recovering them through standard offer service or basic/default service.
- DTE 2-3 Refer to Exhibit BEC-CLV-2 (Supp) at 4 in D.T.E. 05-88 and Exhibit BEC-CLV-2 at 5 in D.T.E. 04-113. Please document and itemize all wholesale supply costs for 2004 and 2005 (\$14.687 million in 2004 and \$12.225 million in 2005). As part of your response, identify the wholesale customer for each contract as well as the supply term.
- DTE 2-4 Refer to Exhibit BEC-CLV-2 (Supp) at 5 in D.T.E. 05-88 and Exhibit BEC-CLV-2 at 5 in D.T.E. 04-113. Please document and itemize all administrative fees related to Annual Ongoing Transaction Costs (Col. E). Explain the basis for recovering such fees through the transition charge. Also, provide a copy of the Issuance Advice Letter dated July 28, 1999, Attachment 2.

- DTE 2-5      Are there legal costs other than litigation expenses related to the Department of Energy/Spent Nuclear Fuel (“DOE/SNF”) proceedings that BECo proposes to recover through the true-up charge? If so, identify those costs and explain the basis for recovering them through the true-up charge.
- DTE 2-6      Refer to Responses to Information Requests DTE 1-6(b) through DTE 1-6(e). With respect to the DOE/SNF litigation expenses proposed to be recovered in D.T.E. 05-88, please:
- (a)      Explain why these NSTAR costs are allocated by load for the NSTAR companies.
  - (b)      Explain how each of these costs qualify as transition costs.
  - (c)      Cite to the location in BECo’s restructuring plan or other Department orders where the ability to collect such items in the transition charge is allowed.
  - (d)      To the extent that any of these items appeared before the Department or FERC, provide the docket number.
- DTE 2-7      Please refer to Exhibit BEC-CLV-3 (Supp) in D.T.E. 05-88. Are any costs associated with the formation of the Regional Transmission Organization proposed to be recovered through the retail transmission rates? If so, please (a) provide the amount of the expense proposed to be recovered, (b) explain how BECo incurred the expense, and (c) identify the line or lines where the expense appears in Exhibit BEC-CLV-3 (Supp).
- DTE 2-8      Please provide copies of the tariffs under which BECo took transmission service for 2004 and 2005. If any of these tariffs have been or are currently the subject of a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) proceeding:
- (a)      Provide the docket number of the proceeding.
  - (b)      Identify the tariff(s) in question.
  - (c)      Identify the parties to the case.
  - (d)      Describe the subject matter of the docket and its outcome, if concluded.
  - (e)      If any new transmission tariffs have been proposed by ISO New England, provide a copy of the proposed tariff(s) and explain:

- (i) what necessitated the filing of the new tariffs;
- (ii) the difference between the old and new tariffs, including how the old and new tariffs differ, if at all, from the ISO New England Open Access Transmission Tariff for Regional Network Service; and
- (iii) each difference that results in a credit or a charge to customers, including the approximate credit or charge.

DTE 2-9 Please refer to Exhibits BEC-CLV-3 at 2 in D.T.E. 04-113 and Exhibit BEC-CLV-3 at 2 in D.T.E. 05-88. For 2004 and 2005:

- (a) Define each item listed under the “Description” column and describe all services provided for each.
- (b) Describe how each cost associated with an item listed under the “Description” column is billed to BECo.
- (c) Document the derivation of each cost associated with an item listed under the “Description” column, including underlying data in Microsoft Excel format with formulas included in cells.
- (d) Identify the applicable transmission tariff and relevant pages for each cost associated with an item listed under the “Description” column.
- (e) Identify which, if any, costs associated with an item listed under the “Description” column, appear in more than one of the tariffs under which BECo takes transmission service. If a cost appears in more than one tariff, describe the method used to allocate the cost to each tariff. In addition, identify the party responsible for the cost allocation method. Provide complete and detailed documentation to support the total amount of such costs that BECo proposes to recover in its transmission rates.

DTE 2-10 Are all the transmission costs collected from BECo’s retail customers incurred by BECo pursuant to FERC-approved tariffs? If not, please list any additional costs recovered through BECo’s retail transmission rates and identify the source of the costs. In addition, identify what authority allows BECo to collect these costs through its retail transmission rates. Provide any documentation that supports your response, including all underlying data in Microsoft Excel format with formulas contained in the cells.

- DTE 2-11 Did BECo provide transmission service to any wholesale customers in 2004 or 2005? If yes, explain how these costs are treated in the reconciliation filings. Provide any documentation that supports your response, including all underlying data in Microsoft Excel format with formulas contained in the cells.
- DTE 2-12 Refer to Exhibits BEC-CLV-1 at 1, 5 and BEC-CLV-1 (Supp) at 1, 5 in D.T.E. 05-88. Please explain the difference between BECo's forecast of its 2006 mitigation incentive expense in its December 2, 2005 filing and the forecasted amount in its May 30, 2006 updated reconciliation filing.
- DTE 2-13 Refer to responses to Information Requests DTE 1-3(b) through DTE 1-3(e). With respect to the Market Issues litigation expenses proposed for recovery in D.T.E. 05-88, please:
- (a) Explain why these NSTAR costs are allocated by load for the NSTAR companies.
  - (b) Explain how each of these costs qualify as transition costs.
  - (c) Cite to the location in BECo's restructuring plan or other Department orders where the ability to collect such items in the transition charge is allowed.
  - (d) To the extent that any of these items appeared before the Department or the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"), provide the docket number.
- DTE 2-14 Refer to response to Information Request DTE 1-8. To the extent the table has changed because of terms or changes to the terms of contracts that have been implemented over the last year, please provide an updated table.
- DTE 2-15 Refer to Exhibit BEC-CLV-2 (Supp) at 4. Please describe with supporting schedules how the net wholesale revenue transition costs are recovered in rates taking into account the Department's approval of the settlement in NSTAR Electric, D.T.E. 05-85, at 4 (2005).